

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Swartz in view of Walter. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11-14.

Swartz discloses a different self-service method involving a portable hand-held scanning terminal and an assisted-service security and payment station. Walter discloses a payment function at a self-service computer.

With respect to claim 1, the references fail to disclose

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d) configuring the self-service checkout system to complete the self-service transaction by the self-service computer, including configuring the self-service computer to identify products scanned by the customer at the self-service computer and to accept payment from the customer at the self-service computer, in accordance with the security level.

With respect to element (d), Swartz teaches that the host computer makes available a list of items or types of items that a checker or security guard should verify. Swartz fails to teach a self-service computer which configures itself to complete a transaction, including configuring

itself to identify products scanned by the customer at the self-service computer and to accept payment from the customer at the self-service computer in accordance with a determined security level.

With respect to claim 11, the references fail to disclose element (d) for the same reasons as claim 1, and further fail to disclose

- b) determining a risk level ... by the self-service computer;
- c) determining a security level ... by the self-service computer; and
- d) configuring the self-service checkout system to complete the self-service transaction by the self-service computer, including configuring the self-service computer to identify products scanned by the customer at the self-service computer and to accept payment from the customer at the self-service computer, in accordance with the security level.
- e) implementing configured security procedures for the security level by the self-service computer until the customer leaves the self-service computer.

With respect to elements (b) and (c), Swartz teaches that a host computer determines how to verify that all products were scanned, not a self-service computer.

With respect to element (e), Swartz teaches instead that an attendant at a security and payment station implements security procedures by scanning items in accordance with instructions from the host computer.

With respect to claim 14, the references fail to disclose elements (b) through (d) for the same reasons as claim 11, and further fail to disclose

e) interacting with the customer at the self-service computer during the self-service transaction in accordance with the security level by the self-service computer.

Instead, Swartz teaches that an attendant at a security and payment station interacts with customer during the self-service transaction.

With respect to claim 15, the references fail to disclose

d) configuring the self-service checkout system to complete the self-service transaction by the self-service computer, including configuring the self-service computer ... to perform weight checks of products placed on the scale by the customer at the self-service computer, ... in accordance with the security level.

With respect to system claim 12, the arguments of claim 1 applies. The references fail to disclose

a security system, including a self-service computer for ... configuring the self-service checkout system to complete the self-service transaction, including identify products scanned by the customer at the self-service computer and accept payment from the customer at the self-service computer, in accordance with the security level.

With respect to system claim 13, the arguments of claim 11 applies. The references fail to disclose

a security system, including a self-service computer for ... configuring the self-service checkout system to complete the self-service transaction, including identify products scanned by the customer at the self-service computer and accept payment from the customer at the self-service computer, in accordance with the security level, and for implementing configured security procedures for the security level until the customer leaves the self-service computer.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Swartz in view of Walter and further in view of Zhang.

Zhang fails to cure the defects note above in connection with claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow
the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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